

**Weekly Status & Information Report:
Week of June 13, 2005**

1. **Street Restoration (Wards 1 & 6):** Street milling and paving took place on Baltimore Avenue, Buffalo Avenue and Dundalk Avenue (Ward 1) and Wildwood Avenue and Kirklynn Avenue (Ward 6) on Thursday and Friday. Concrete curb and gutter work continues on Erskine Avenue (Ward 6). Next week the contractor will begin concrete work on 13th Avenue (Ward 6). *(Public Works)*
2. **Newsletter Editor:** Staff are pleased to announce Virginia Myers Kelly has been selected to replace Bob Guldin as the new Newsletter Editor. She is a long-time active community resident and free-lance writer. She has had a number of articles in the newsletter and brings experience as a freelance writer and editor to the position. She will be working with Bob on the July newsletter and officially takes the position as of July 1. She can be reached at TPNewsEditor@takomagov.org. *(City TV)*
3. **Police Shift Changes:** Changeover for patrol squads took place last weekend. Squads 1 (Sgt. Bowers) and 3 (Sgt. Frishkorn) moved to the night shift. Squads 2 and 4 (Sgts. Hammond and Skibicki) moved to the day shift (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.), which should be considered when trying to reach these officers. This schedule will last through July 24. *(Police)*
4. **Crime Blotter (Wards 4 & 6):** Among arrests this week were two females (19 and 20 years old) for drug possession (marijuana) on Maple Avenue (Ward 4). Also, a maintenance worker at a New Hampshire Avenue apartment complex confronted a man who was behaving suspiciously and detained him until police arrived. Arrest was made for attempted burglary. The police greatly appreciate the observation and assistance from the Takoma Park community member who assisted. (Ward 6). *(Police)*
5. **Click-It-or-Ticket (All Wards):** More than 150 citations were written during the Click It or Ticket campaign, intended to encourage safety restraint use in vehicles. Cpl. Rodriguez and Ofc. Palmer were the most active officers in this effort. Traffic enforcement has been conducted this week on Carroll, University, New Hampshire, Piney Branch, Ethan Allen, Flower, Wildwood, Jackson, Lincoln and Maple. *(Police)*
6. **Change of Duties (Wards 2, 4 & 5):** Officer Cyndy Conrad, who has served for 18 months as the Sector Specialist on the COP Team, has been transferred to Criminal Investigations as a detective. During the training period, she will be working with Det/Sgt. Poole and focusing on the William Sector. Those with COP questions concerning that Sector should contact the COP Team 5 supervisor, Sgt. Gilbert. *(Police)*
7. **Officers and Staff in Training:** Lt. Cipperly, Ms. Pullet and Ms. Bannerman attended required training on changes in the region's use of the AMBER Alert system, a public notification system for use in confirmed child abductions. Two officers attended four-day Residential Crime Prevention training offered by the Maryland Community Crime Prevention Institute. Two officers attended one-day training on counter-terrorism offered by the Montgomery County Police. *(Police)*
8. **Festival TV Coverage:** City TV staff spent last Saturday with the Takoma JazzFest and community members at Jecquie Park. Performances from this festival will be shown starting in late July. A great day was had by all! *(City TV)*

9. County to Purchase Building (Ward 5): Montgomery County has advised the City that it will be exercising their right to purchase the 6 unit property at 8306 Roanoke Avenue that has been on the market for sale. The property does have a third party contract for \$566,000 which the county would have to match. The tenants had been sent a letter on April 21, 2005 advising them of their right to purchase. No response was received. *(Housing and Community Development)*

10. Affordable Housing (Ward 1): Victory Tower (formerly Takoma Towers) held a dedication ceremony of its newly renovated building on Monday, June 13, 2005. Financing for the \$12.6 million development included a \$5.2 million loan from United Bank, \$1.1 million loan from Montgomery County, \$700,000 in seller financing from the Revenue Authority, and \$5.6 million in equity from the sale of low-income housing tax credits allocated by the State. The ceremony was well attended by the residents, all the partners who contributed either financially or technically to the rejuvenated property. Cardinal Theodore McCarrick officiated in the dedication. Congressman Van Hollen, Montgomery County Executive Duncan, County Council President Perez, Mayor Porter and Council Member Austin-Lane all spoke at the ceremony. *(Housing and Community Development)*

11. CSX Routing: The City has received a letter from CSX acknowledging the City Council's letter expressing concern about routing of hazardous materials by rail in the Metropolitan Washington area. Although the letter from CSX did not include information on its security plan, it did include a proprietary guide for emergency officials which has been passed on to the Takoma Park Police Department. On a related note, the Montgomery County Council's Homeland Security Committee has scheduled a worksession on July 21 to discuss efforts to ban rail transport of certain hazardous materials in congested areas. *(Community & Government Liaison)*

12. Chess Club: The Takoma Park Recreation Department's Chess Club held its season ending chess tournament on Tuesday, June 14th. There were many exciting games throughout the tournament, but in the end, the two division winners were Alexander Helal and Conner Catanese. *(Recreation)*

13. Dungeons & Dragons: The Takoma Park Recreation Department's Dungeons & Dragons class ended on Thursday, June 16th. This class has had a large following for a number of years and was well attended even though the last session was held after the school year had ended. Because of its popularity, the Recreation Department will be offering two summer sessions for this program for the first time, with Session I starting on July 7th and Session II starting on August 4th. *(Recreation)*